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Drugs seized in a joint services investigation in Bradford on Jan. 26.

Arrests made in pharmacy robberies

Since October, there have been six armed robberies of drug stores in Bradford and York Region.

A joint investigation by the South Simcoe Police Criminal Investigations Unit and York Regional Police Hold-up Unit was launched. As a result of the three-month investigation, two suspects were identified and arrested on Jan. 26.

In addition, search warrants were executed at two Bradford homes, resulting in the seizure of weapons, cash and a large quantity of drugs, including fentanyl patches.

"These arrests and the seizure of these drugs will make an impact on the local drug scene," said Det.-Sgt. Brad Reynolds. "We appreciate the assistance of our partners at York Region and the OPP Investigation and Support Bureau."

A 26-year-old Bradford man faces 34 charges, including six counts of robbery, three counts of armed robbery, six counts of disguise with intent, six counts of possession of narcotics, six counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, six counts of trafficking, and one count of flight from police.

A 21-year-old Bradford man has been charged with robbery, armed robbery, disguise with intent, possession of narcotics, possession for the purpose of trafficking, and trafficking.

Both men were held for bail hearing and remanded in custody to Jan. 30. The investigation is ongoing.

High-wire act

Residents, hydro crews save cat

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RFP for banking services

Staff

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's banking contract with RBC expires on July 1. Rather than renew, council plans to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to any interested financial institution to provide banking and financial services to the municipality.

"All banks should have an opportunity to look at this contract," said Coun. Peter Dykie Jr., who expressed disappointment in RBC's decision to close its downtown branch. "I don't recall the last time the tender went out."

"Do we even know if we're getting good rates?" asked Coun. Peter Ferragine, warning of the expenses that could result from changing banks.

Coun. Gary Lamb cautioned against taking a punitive approach to RBC because of the branch closure. "They (banks) all moved out of the downtown. RBC was just the last," Lamb said. "But it's probably not a bad thing to test the market once in a while."

Director of finance Ian Goodfellow assured council there was time to go to an open RFP before the contract with RBC expires. As an alternative, the town could "piggyback" on OECM, a not-for-profit group procurement sourcing partner for Ontario's education sector, he said, which "seems like a good deal." The OECM contract expires in 2019, but there is an option to extend for another five years to 2024.

The vote, held in committee of the whole on Jan. 24, recommended issuing an RFP.

Heavy truck ban 'premature'

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

In January 2016, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury adopted a traffic bylaw amendment that banned heavy trucks from turning at the intersection of Holland Street and Barrie Street/Simcoe Road (the four corners). Signs warning of the ban were posted on collector roads, including Yonge Street and County Road 88, with "truck route" signs directing heavy vehicles to Dissette Street/Line 8/Sideroad 10.

Last August, with trucks continuing to use Holland Street as a main route, and complaints from downtown businesses and residents regarding noise, traffic congestion and safety concerns, council asked for a staff report on further banning heavy truck traffic in the downtown core.

On Jan. 24, manager of enforcement Brent Lee presented his report, only to get a rough ride from council.

Lee presented two options. Option 1 would prohibit heavy trucks (over 4,600 kg) on Holland Street East and West, directing all truck traffic to Sideroad 10, Line 8 and Dissette Street, with the exception of ambulances, transit buses, school buses, police and fire vehicles, town or Simcoe County vehicles, Ministry of Transportation and utility vehicles, farm-plated equipment, and trucks making local deliveries.

Option 2 would allow trucks on most east-west routes, including Holland Street, but ban heavy trucks on Barrie Street, ensuring no turns at Holland Street.

Lee noted Option 1 could result in heavy trucks using collector roads and side streets in the event of a collision or road closure, and pointed out Line 8 is slated for full reconstruction in 2022. There are also no traffic lights at Line 8 and Sideroad 10, creating issues for westbound trucks attempting to turn left.

Option 2 forces northbound and southbound trucks to find an alternative route – such as using the new Marsbview Boulevard/Simcoe Road/Line 6 route. None of those intersections have a turning radius that would accommodate larger trucks without resulting in damage to curbs, medians and signs, Lee noted.

"I like Option 2," said Coun. Gary Baynes. "I'm a big fan that we provide residents with multiple routes."

He was alone in his approval.

Coun. Gary Lamb questioned the definition of a "heavy truck," which includes everything from cube vans to 18-wheelers, and asked for more up-to-date information on truck traffic, following the ban on turning at the four corners.

Lamb also argued before truck routes are established, the town needs to complete work on the southeast arterial (Marshview Boulevard), southwest arterial, Line 5 interchange and Line 8. By approving either option at this point, he said, "all you're doing is putting more trucks in someone else's neighbourhood."

Lamb pointed out the 9th Line isn't suitable as a truck route due to the steep hill, and that most of the noise on Holland Street is made by "motorcycles and bad mufflers," not trucks.

"This report is premature,"agreed Deputy Mayor James Leduc, pointing out Holland Street was constructed to take heavy truck traffic, while Simcoe Road and Marshview Boulevard were not. "I'm not ready to shut down Holland Street ... Taking this off of one street, putting it on our residential neighbourhoods – you're going to hear about it."

Lamb suggested sending back the report and asking for new traffic counts, including the number of "big-axle" trucks using Holland Street – "data, not anecdotal information ... so that empirically we can make a proper decision." In a vote, council supported his motion.

The debate only emphasizes the need for the 400-404 Link, Mayor Rob Keffer said.

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Cat on a wire

STAFF

One Bradford kitty has definitely used up one of its nine lives.

A passerby on John Street West noticed a cat balanced precariously on the wires, high above the street, shortly after 7 a.m. on Jan. 27. Hours later, the cat was still there, and neighbours began calling for help.

They first called animal control, which recommended contacting the local fire department. "The fire department doesn't do animal rescue," explained Fire Chief Kevin Gallant. Instead, because hydro wires were involved, he suggested calling PowerStream.

Around noon, PowerStream arrived with a bucket truck to work out a rescue plan. While neighbours held a blanket, and both animal control and Gallant looked on, a worker climbed into the bucket and manoeuvred close to the terrified, meowing cat. At just the right moment, he reached over and grabbed the struggling and hissing cat, then dropped it into the blanket held below.

The cat ran off, uninjured, as the watching crowd cheered.

The animal appeared well-fed and well-cared for. There was speculation it may have chased a squirrel or bird onto the wires, and then found itself unable to get down.

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A PoweStream worker in an aerial bucket manoeuvres close to the cat on the high wires.

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Neighbours position the blanket below a cat trapped on the wires on John Street West in Bradford, on Jan. 27.

New twist on an old scam

In October 2016, the RCMP announced a significant decrease in losses attributed to the "CRA scam," in which fraudsters pretending to represent the Canada Revenue Agency call residents, threatening them with deportation or jail time if they don't immediately pay "overdue" taxes.

The decline in complaints coincided with a large number of arrests by authorities in India at a number of call centres.

However, say RCMP officers, the scam hasn't ended. In fact, there's a new twist: Fraudsters are attempting to re-engage the victims who have already lost money to the CRA scam, promising (by email) to pay back most of the funds lost, as long as the victim agrees to make an administrative payment of 5% of the funds lost.

A sample email (verbatim): "We are happy to help you with our services. As you have already paid a huge amount of money to various scammers. Based on your background verification and as per your discussion with our senior management personnel Mr. David Carter, we are please to pay you CAD 97000 dollars. This is to inform you that the above amount will be given to you in four equal installments on the payment of nominal documentation fess which is 4.9% of CAD 97000$ which is equal to CAD 4753 dollar. This is a one time payment of the documentation charges which shall be collected at your doorstep by our representative. On receiving the said fees, we shall release your first installment cheque worth CAD 24250 dollars within 48 hours."

This is a scam. RCMP reminds the public to remain vigilant.

Fraudsters have impersonated government officials and/or police by telephone or by email, and demand payment by money-service business (Western Union or MoneyGram), electronic funds transfer (direct deposit), pre-paid credit cards, iTunes gift cards and other gift cards.

The CRA scam has been profitable to fraudsters. Based on statistics from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), more than 2,000 Canadian victims have disbursed more than $6.2 million to scammers posing as government officials since January 2014. Over the same time period, the CAFC received reports of roughly 40,000 calls made to Canadian residences, demanding cash to resolve reputed tax or immigration issues.

The CAFC is concerned the reported numbers may represent as little as 5% of actual losses, since many victims are too embarrassed to admit they have been scammed. Victims of fraud are asked to report any incidents to their local police service, as well as to the CAFC at 888-495-8501 or antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/reportincident-signalincident.

Police Briefs

Robbery attempt

At 7:04 a.m. on Jan. 29, a man walked into the 7-Eleven store on Holland Street East in Bradford and handed the clerk a note that said, "This is a robbery – give me all the money in the till." When the clerk explained the money was in a safe, the suspect grabbed the note and ran from the store. He was last seen running north toward Scanlon Avenue. The suspect is described as male, white, 5'7" (170 cm), 150 pounds (68 kg), 20 to 30 years old, wearing a black toque, black turtleneck pulled up over his nose, and black pants. His black jacket had two horizontal white stripes around the bottom, a single vertical white stripe on the front and a small double stripe on the left chest. "AnAlog" is written on the lower centre of the back. Police are analyzing video surveillance; anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-775-3311 or Crime Stoppers. The clerk was not injured; nothing was taken.

Point firearm

Innisfil – Just before midnight on Jan. 27, police were called to an Innisfil home for a domestic assault. When they arrived, they were met by an agitated man who claimed he had been assaulted by his wife and friend. On investigation, a different story emerged: Three people were in the garage when the man became upset after consuming alcohol, and threatened to kill his wife. When he tried to drive off, she took the keys from him, angering him further. The man twisted her arm to get the keys, locked her inside the house and again assaulted her. While inside the home, the man grabbed a loaded shotgun and held it to the woman's head. The friend intervened and fought with the man over the gun. Police arrested a 53-year-old Innisfil man and charged him with two counts of assault with a weapon, two counts of assault, two counts of point firearm, uttering threats, forcible confinement, weapons dangerous, and unauthorized possession of a firearm. Neither victim required medical attention.

Over 80

Bradford – South Simcoe Police conducting a RIDE check on Canal Road at the exit ramp from Highway 400 stopped a vehicle at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 27. An odour of alcohol was detected on the driver's breath. A roadside screening test registered a "fail." After further testing at the station, a 60-year-old Bradford man was charged with over 80, his licence suspended for 90 days, and his vehicle impounded. He has a court date in February.

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Point of View

Take a stand, together

On Jan. 29, 27-year-old Laval University student Alexandre Bissonnette allegedly entered the Centre Culturel Islamique de Quebec in Quebec City and opened fire on a group of Muslim men at prayer.

When the rampage with an assault rifle ended, six were dead and five others were fighting for their lives in hospital – fathers, brothers and sons, murdered or injured in an act of malevolence and hatred, rooted in intolerance.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called it "an act of terror."

Gov. Gen. David Johnston called it "an attack on our traditions, our values, on what it means to be a Canadian."

What it means is there is a need for all Canadians to be vigilant – to watch for signs of hatred, bigotry and intolerance, whether in print, online, in person or on a Facebook posting, and to take action. Speak up. Challenge bias.

Because hatred is never benign. Hateful propaganda can divide communities, and plant the seeds of violence in sick and twisted minds.

We need to take expressions of bigotry and hatred seriously, and never minimize their power – whether they originate in an extremist ideology, a diseased mind or the American White House.

Because the massacre in a Quebec City mosque did more than shatter the peace of a community and the country. It took the lives of decent, kind men, and left behind shattered families. Azzeddine Soufiane, 57, a grocer and father of three, known for his kindness to newcomers to his community. Khaled Bekacemi, 60, a food scientist and respected professor at Laval University. Aboubake Thabti, 44, a pharmacy worker and father of two young children. Mamadou Tanou, 42, an IT worker and father of two toddlers, and his friend, Ibrahima Barry, 39, a Quebec government worker and father of four. Abdelkrim Hassane, 41, a programming analyst with the Quebec government and father of three.

We need to remember them, and stand together.

Bowl for Kids Sake

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The A&B Courier Bowl for Kids Sake, a fundraiser for the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, is coming up in March and April. The annual Bradford Community Day takes place March 5 at Bradford Underground Bowl. Participants are asked to register a team of at least five people, fundraise for Big Brothers Big Sisters and get ready for five-pin bowling on March 5, starting at 1 p.m. To register a team, visit bbbsy.ca or call 905-726-2149, ext. 324. This year, bowlers are encouraged to wear red and white in a salute to Canada's sesquicentennial. Bradford West Gwillimbury Coun. Peter Dykie Jr. has been participating in Bowl for Kids Sake and fundraising for Big Brothers Big Sisters for 25 years. This year, he's again captaining the Town of BWG team and has issued a challenge to local businesses, organizations, police, fire, groups and individuals to sign up and raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The Town of BWG team includes, from right, Coun. Ron Orr, Dykie Jr., Mayor Rob Keffer, Deputy Mayor James Leduc and Coun. Peter Ferragine.

Letter to the Editor

OPEN LETTER TO BWG

To the editor: We're excited about the opportunity to locate our new, state-of-the-art facility in your community, and to call Bradford West Gwillimbury home. Your council and municipal staff have been incredibly supportive and made our decision to locate in BWG an easy one.

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In fact, we anticipate that we will need hundreds of people to join our team. Many people have already contacted us about joining the team, and we very much appreciate your effort and initiative. Given all the excitement, I wanted to communicate the timing and process for us, as we prepare to build our BWG team.

We expect recruitment to start this spring. When we begin recruiting, we will post jobs at Bradford Works Employment Centre, on indeed.com, and will hold a recruiting open house in Bradford. We will give everyone plenty of notice prior to the recruiting open house by posting the date/time/location in the Bradford Times. Also, please feel free to visit our website and social medial profiles for updates on recruiting. Don't worry – you won't miss out on an opportunity to apply to be part of the team.

In addition, the Town of BWG has graciously offered to help us in getting the message out, so they'll be making their own announcements when the time is right.

Again, thank you for your warm welcome.

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Muslim community reaches out

SADAF (MONA) SHAH
Submitted

On a warm, foggy Saturday afternoon, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association of Bradford held a Seerat conference on Prophet Muhammad.

Such conferences are held every year, but this year we decided to "go public." In light of divisive narratives and the politics of fear being played out south of the border, such conferences that aim to educate and highlight commonalities are all the more needed.

The conference was held at Bradford United Church. Why? 1,500 years ago, Prophet Muhammad invited the Christians of Najran to pray in his mosque. These Christians had come to the Prophet to discuss theological issues, and though they differed on religious matters, they still parted peacefully. The Christians of Najran were allowed to pray in the Prophet's mosque, and they left with a written guarantee from Prophet Muhammad that their places of worship would not be attacked, they would not be compelled to convert, and that they would be protected should Muslims gain ascendancy.

Now, 1,500 years later, we Muslims had come full circle, and were allowed to hold our conference, commemorating the same Prophet who had guaranteed protection to Christians, inside a church.

The afternoon started with the recitation of the Holy Qu'ran in Arabic, followed by the English translation. Two speeches were presented by the ladies, on the topics of Prophet Muhammad and religious pluralism, and Prophet Muhammad as liberator of women.

The first speech covered the covenants or treaties Prophet Muhammad had with the Christians of the world. These covenants are still preserved today, and can be found in Dr. John Andrew Morrow's book, The Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad with the Christians of the World.

These covenants explicitly state Muslims are not to attack peaceful Christian communities, but are to defend them "until the end of the world" – showing that those Muslim extremists who are attacking Christians and their churches in the Middle East are in fact disobeying their own Prophet. They are not behaving in accordance with the teachings of the Prophet they claim to follow.

The second speech dealt with the deplorable condition of women around the world in the seventh century, and how Prophet Muhammad elevated the status of women, as mothers, wives and daughters within his society, by connecting the treatment of women to morality. It is a moral sin against God to deprive women of their God-given rights, and for the first time in Arab society, women were given rights to education, inheritance and divorce.

Between the presentations, there was an interactive session called "quiz time," in which the audience was asked to identify whether statements about Prophet Muhammad were true or false.

My only regret: It would have been nice to see a bigger turnout of non-Muslim, and especially Christian, sisters at the conference. They would have learned Muslim women had gathered in a church to extend the same rights and guarantees Prophet Muhammad extended to them 1,500 years ago. To our fellow Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish and every faith community in Bradford, we, the Muslims, are with you. You have nothing to fear from us. If you need help in any way repairing your places of worship, or educating the public, or serving the community, we are with you.

I say this in the spirit of my Prophet, whom I believe was raised as a mercy for the world. How can I, then, a Muslim, not extend that mercy to the world? How can any true Muslim not be a source of peace for the world? Peace be upon you all.

Sadaf (Mona) Shah is president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association.

News Briefs

Probus club meets

Bradford's Probus Club #2, a social club for retired and semi-retired professionals and businesspeople, meets on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 Sideroad 10. Guest speaker is South Simcoe Police Deputy Chief Andrew Fletcher, talking about personal safety. Tea, coffee and treats available; new members welcomed. For information, contact Bonnie Keenan at 905-775-4700.

Roast beef dinner

Bond Head United Church hosts a roast beef dinner and silent auction on Feb. 4 at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, 2940 Sideroad 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Cost is $16 for adults, $8 for children ages six to 12, and free for preschoolers. For more information, call 905-778-1423. Tickets available at the door.

Student business plan competition

The South Simcoe Business Plan Competition is open to students in grades 9 through 12, either working alone or in teams of four. Students are asked to come up with a business idea, write up a business plan to develop and implement the idea, and submit their entry electronically to Martin Kuzma at martin@nottawasaga.com by Feb. 10. Entries will be evaluated at a "pitch night" on Feb. 16 and the winner will be announced in April at the South Simcoe Business Excellence Awards. The winner will not only receive an award, but a prize of $1,000 to put toward making the idea a reality.

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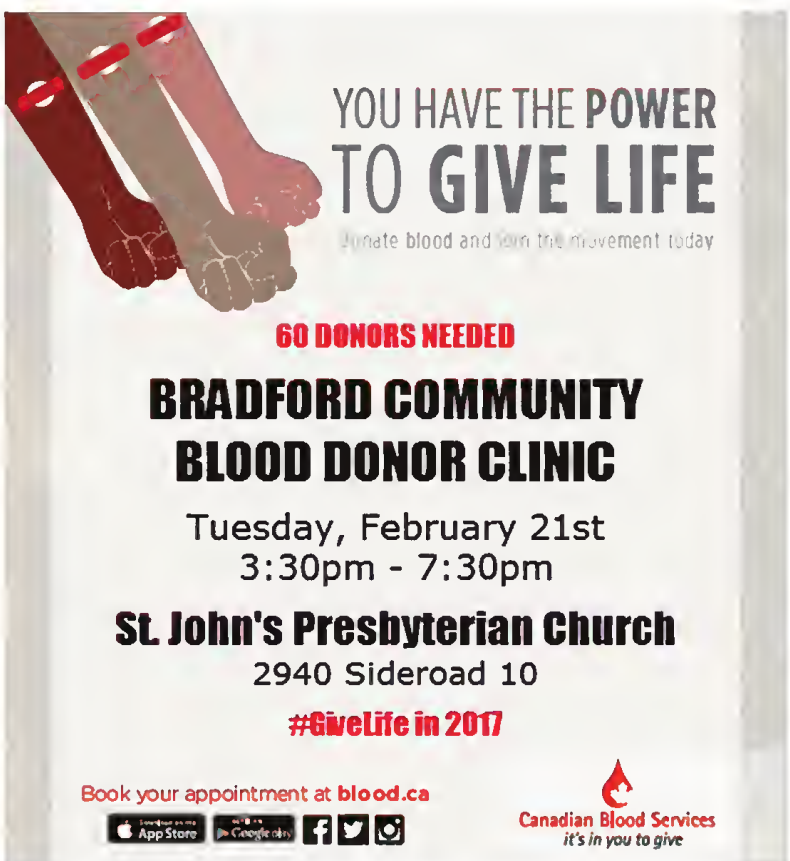

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Board/Committee

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Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Wed. Feb. 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
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Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
- Thu. Feb. 9 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
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The Town of BWG is pleased to announce that in accordance with Section 11 of Ontario Drinking Water Systems Regulation 170/03, the 2016 annual report for water quality is now available for review. The Annual Report covers the period of January 1 to December 31. The report describes the operation of the water supply system owned and operated by the Town of BWG and the quality of the drinking water. The report is posted on the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com/Water and is available upon request free of charge at the Community Services Department located at 3541 Line 11 during regular business hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm.

2017 Tax Billing and Payments

The 2017 Interim Property Tax Bills have been printed and will be mailed out the last week of January 2017. The first instalment is due February 24, 2017 and the second instalment is due on April 26, 2017.

The Interim Tax Bill represents no more than 50% of the previous year's annualized taxes levied. Transactions made after January 26, 2017 will not be reflected on the tax billing.

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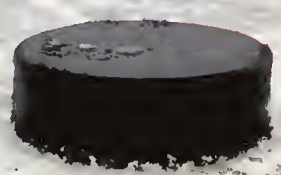

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Notice of the Adoption of an Official Plan Amendment and the Passing of a Zoning By-Law

Pursuant to Sections 17 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury passed By-law 2017-07 to adopt Amendment No. 23 to the Official Plan for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Zoning By-law 2017-08 on the 24th day of January, 2017 under sections 17 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, in respect of lands located in Part of Lot B, Concession 5. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached to this notice.

Official Plan Amendment No. 23 affects approximately 6 hectares (± 15 acres) of land located in the eastern portion of the south part of Lot B, Concession 5. The purpose of the amendment is include the lands within the area of Amendment No. 15 to the Official Plan of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. This amendment will conform to and reflect the applicable land use designations and development policies established by the Bradford West Gwillimbury Strategic Settlement Employment Area amendment to the Growth Plan for The Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006 and Minister's Zoning Orders O.Reg. 464/09 and O.Reg. 465/09. The Amendment would permit the development of the subject lands for employment uses and environmental protection.

The purpose of By-law 2017-08 is to rezone the subject lands from the Agricultural "A" Zone to the Deferred "D3" Zone and to include them within the BWG Strategic Settlement Employment Area. The Zoning By-law will only come into effect once the County of Simcoe approves Amendment No. 23.

Official Plan Amendment No. 23 and By-law 2017-08 are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Office of Community Planning located at 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, Bradford.

Official Plan Amendment No. 23 will be submitted to the County of Simcoe for approval. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the County's decision if a written request to be notified (include name and mailing address) of the decision is made to the Director of Planning, Development & Tourism Department, County of Simcoe, Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario, L9X 1N6, telephone 705-726-9300, fax 705-727-4276, or email at planning.notices@simcoe.ca.

Any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of By-law 2017-08 by filing with Rebecca Murphy, Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A7, **not later than the 22nd day of February 2017**, a notice of appeal which must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the OMB form and fee of $300.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

In conformity with section 34(18) of the *Planning Act*, public comments/submissions and response to same are set out in Report No. DES 2016 73 which is available for viewing on the municipal website at http://www.townofbwg.com/Docs/DES_2016_73.pdf or by contacting the Office of Community Planning at planninginfo@townofbwg.com.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OMB website at www.omb.gov.on.ca.

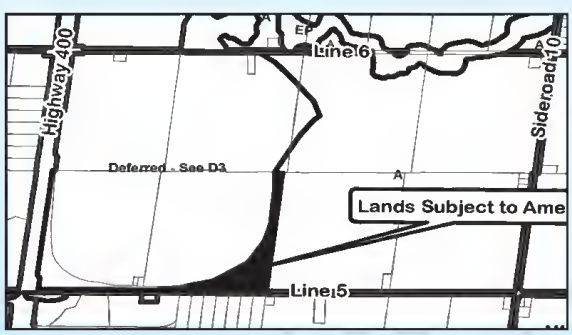
No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the By-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

The lands are also subject to Draft Plan of Subdivision Application D12-14-14 and Zoning By law Amendment Application D14-17-01 as made under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Ryan Windle, Office of Community Planning, P.O. Box 419, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A9, telephone 905-775-5366, ext. 1401, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 2nd day of February, 2017.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



Notice of Public Meeting for a Town Initiated Zoning By-Law Amendment for the Lands within the Highway 400 Strategic Industrial Employment Area

Pursuant to Section 34(12) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Zima Room of the BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland Street West, Bradford** to consider a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 2010-050 (File No. D14-17-01). *Please note that there may be more than one public meeting and that the matter will be dealt with in the order that it appears on the agenda.*

The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to establish the definitions, permitted uses and zone provisions for the Highway 400 Employment Lands in conformity with the Provincially approved uses and regulations as identified in the report for the Bradford West Gwillimbury Strategic Settlement Employment Area, issued by the Minister of Infrastructure on September 24, 2012, and the Minister's Zoning Orders known as Ontario Regulations 464/09, 465/09 and 466/09 issued on December 7, 2009. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

Additional information regarding the proposal is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Office of Community Planning located at 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, Bradford.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposal, invite public input, and answer questions regarding the applications.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed zoning by-law amendment. Written submissions regarding the proposal can be made to Ryan Windle, Manager of Community Planning, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning, 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, P.O. Box 419, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A9, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Ryan Windle at the address shown above.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

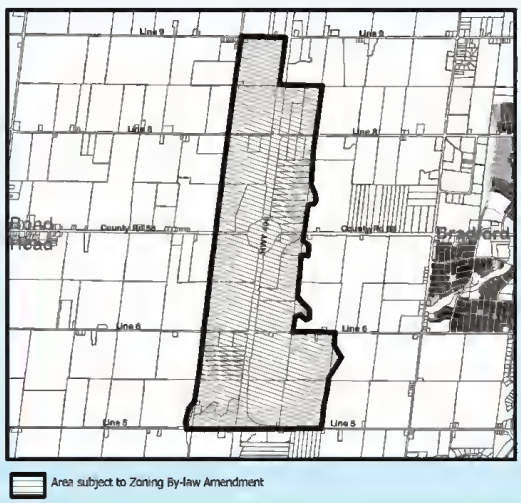
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Certain lands within the area subject to the Amendment are also subject to Official Plan Amendment Application D09-15-03, Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications D12 14-14 and D12-16-12 and Zoning By-Law Amendment Applications D14-15-16 and D14 08-12 as made under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Ryan Windle, Office of Community Planning, telephone 905-778-2055, ext. 1401, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 2nd day of February, 2017.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



Darts and Valentine's at the legion

The legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, bosts a Friday night social every Friday evening. On the first Friday of the month (Feb. 3), it's **karaoke night** with Bob Serran at 8 p.m. No cover charge. The third Friday of the month is pub night – Feb. 17 will feature a **pub night Valentine's party**. All welcome.

On Feb. 4, it's the **Frank Lotto Dart Tournament**; $10 per person. Registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by round-robin blind-draw format tournament.

Valentine's dance at the legion on Feb. 11, with entertainment by The Pepper Shakers. Tickets are $15 per person and include a late-night snack. Starts at 8 p.m.; contact the legion at 905-775-5025 for tickets.

The legion is here for Canada's vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home or in a nursing bome or care facility. You don't have to be a legion member to ask for assistance. Contact veteran services officer George Neilson at 705-775-4341.

For more information on events, programs and membership in the legion or the Ladies Auxiliary, or hall rentals, call Branch 521 at 905-775-5025.

Memorial liturgy for Rev. Osler

Bond Head – St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite) in Bond Head holds its fourth annual Memorial Divine Liturgy, marking the 122nd anniversary of Rev. Canon Featherstone Osler's death, on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

Osler and his wife, Ellen, came from England to Upper Canada, settling in the wilderness west of Bradford in 1837. Osler immediately set to work organizing Trinity Anglican Parish. His arrival coincided with the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837, which saw centres of uprising in nearby Lloydtown and East Gwillimbury. There is a story that Osler, a loyal subject of the Crown and its government, "rode late into the night, giving intelligence, stirring up the men and quieting the women."

The rebellion was crushed. The lieutenant-governor of the day was Sir Francis Bond Head, and Osler, when it came time to name the post office in the hamlet, put forward the name "Bond Head" to honour the man he considered a hero and defender of the Crown.

Pastoral work was difficult during pioneering days. Osler "worked in that tiny forest community building churches, burying the dead, teaching the ignorant, marrying the hopeful, scolding the sinful, and riding hundreds of miles every month to do what he knew must be done if a community was to fulfil itself."

Osler, with the help of contacts in England, built Trinity Anglican Church in Bond Head in 1839, 28 years before confederation – and among the eight children he and his wife raised was Sir William Osler, hailed as the father of modern clinical medicine.

In 2008, St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic parish purchased Trinity Anglican Church. Recognizing the rich heritage of the church, St. Catherine's gratefully celebrates the memorial liturgy for the repose of Osler and his wife on the anniversary of his death.

Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head. Liturgy will be followed by coffee and sweets. For more information, call the parish office at 905-775-8282.

National Flag Day in BWG

Whereas: Fifty-two years ago, on February 15, 1965, the Red and White maple leaf flag was first raised over Parliament Hill; and

Whereas: In 1965 the new flag was declared a symbol of our nation's unity, representing all citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief or opinion; and

Whereas: During this, the 150th anniversary of Confederation, we take special pride as we reflect on what our flag represents – a strong, proud and free country; speaking to what we have accomplished together, and to the historical moments and events that serve to define us as a free, united and peaceful nation; and

Whereas: As we raise this special flag in commemoration of 150 years as a nation, we also acknowledge the rights and responsibilities we share as citizens, and honour the brave men and women who have secured our freedom over the centuries through their service to our Country, at home and abroad;

Therefore be it Resolved: That His Worship Mayor Rob Keffer and Members of Council proclaim February 15, 2017 as National Flag Day in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The community is invited to attend a Flag-raising and celebration at 1:50 p.m. on February 15, National Flag Day, at the Bradford Courthouse, 57 Holland St. E.

Brief

New Year's wishes

"Happy new year, and welcome to 2017 – the 150th birthday of Canada as a country. Please join Bradford West Gwillimbury in celebrating this milestone over the next 12 months; watch the town website and newspapers for the many events that are planned. This year, your council will work to implement a new Official Plan for BWG that will take us to 2031. The lack of seniors housing was one of the issues that I wanted to have addressed in this term of council. We now have two facilities planning to be built, and one more proposed. Council is also looking forward to the future development of our employment lands, that will provide much-needed jobs for our residents. My new year's wish is that 2017 will be a prosperous and healthy year for all in Bradford West Gwillimbury." – *Ron Orr, Ward 4 councillor*

"I would like to wish all the residents of Bradford West Gwillimbury a very happy and prosperous new year. Professionally, I will continue to work for our residents to deliver on council's strategic priorities, while being fiscally responsible. We need to continue working without neighbour municipalities to collectively pursue provincial government to provide the much-needed 404-400 Link for our residents, which will also help with job growth in Simcoe County and York Region. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Ward 1 and the Town of BWG and will continue to be available to them at all times. On a personal level, I made a commitment with myself to lose weight for a healthy lifestyle, and i was able to meet my set goal. I am making the further commitment to continue working ... and setting a new goal to achieve this year." – *Raj Sandhu, Ward 1 councillor*

Get involved at the Danube Centre

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

On Jan. 19, the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre held its annual Summer in January – a birthday luncheon of cold cuts, roast meats, salads and desserts. The dress code was summer attire: shorts, sandals, summery tops, sunhats – the perfect antidote to the wintry weather outside. The Danube Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. it is owned by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, but run by seniors, for seniors, and offering a full slate of activities and programs for its members. The annual general meeting will take place in March. Members are encouraged to step up, to fill some of the vacant seats on the executive or sign up to volunteer and help keep the Danube Centre vibrant, exciting and fun. For more information, drop by the Centre or call 905-775-0612.

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Megathon at the leisure centre

Megathon returns to the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave.

On Feb. 25 from 7:45 to 11:35 a.m., participate in a variety of activities for health and fitness, and raise funds for Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Cost is $10 for one 35-minute session, or $30 for up to five classes, which include spin, yoga, walking, boot camp, Kelani dance, MMA circuit, step, tai chi and, new this year, aquafit, from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Child minding is available from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

The goal is to raise $1,500 for Southlake's cardiovascular prevention and rehabilitation Walk of Life program, which educates the community and assists those with cardiovascular disease to take steps to reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Participants must be at least 13 years of age. The first 60 persons to register will be entered in a draw for a Fitbit Charge and a BWG wellness package. For more information, call 905-775-7529, ext. 8601.

Sports Briefs

Bantam LL#1 hockey

Game on Jan. 24, Richmond Hill – 3, Bradford #1 – 2. Both goals by Keegan Terrey, unassisted, in a close battle.

Game on Jan. 26, East Gwillimbury – 3, Bradford #1 – 2. Another nail biter, with both goals by Terrey – one from Benny Gentile; the other from Jacob Zinner and Colin Almeida.

Final regular season game, Jan. 30. Bradford #1 – 3, Bradford #3 – 2. Big win for #1 bantams, with scoring by Nick Petherick from Shawn Bezerra; Bezerra from Liam Connors; and Zinner from Kaeleigh Gardiner and Jaime Wade.

Hockey Day in BWG

Hockey Day in Bradford West Gwillimbury returns on Feb. 18 at Bond Head's Bud Brown Memorial Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be the ninth annual celebration of hockey the way it used to be played – a fun and friendly pond hockey tourney played outdoors. Tyke and novice teams from BWG Minor Hockey will be on the ice, starting at 8 a.m., and all participants will receive a special Canada 150 medal to commemorate the sesquicentennial year.

Come out and enjoy the on-ice action as these young players celebrate Canada's national winter sport. Indoors, there will be a pancake breakfast hosted by the Bond Head Lions Club, which will also provide a barbecue lunch, and activities and entertainment including Fantasy Airbrush Tattoos.

It is hosted by the Town of BWG Leisure Services, BWG Minor Hockey Association, Bond Head Lions Club and Bradford Orthodontics. Last year, when a mild spell melted the ice, the kids played ball hockey – and had just as much fun.

A win for the Bulls ...

The Bradford Bulls Jr. A squad faced off against the South Muskoka Shield in Gravenhurst on Jan. 30, and crushed the Shield 7-1. Bulls goalie Jeremy Pohl faced 23 shots and stonewalled all but one, while the Bulls' offence peppered the Shield with 41 shots. Bradford goals were scored by Tomas Nemeth, Jonne Walkky, Don Carter Jr. (on the power play), Anton Tarvainen, Zakk Bekolay, Tyler Quintos, Roope Kalanti and Josh Brunton. Assists went to Leon Marko, Lars Schiller, Carter Jr. (3), Quinto (2), Walkky (2), Alex Oberg, Bekolay, Tarvainen and Logan Fraser. As of Jan. 30, the Bulls were in eighth spot in the Greater Metro Jr. A Hockey League North Division standings.

... and a loss for the Rattlers

RICHARD COBURN/SUBMITTED

The Bradford Rattlers faced off against the South Muskoka Shield in Gravenhurst on Jan. 27 and lost 3-1. The Rattlers' lone goal was notched by Ivan Efimov (pictured), on assists from Khassan Al-Dzilaui and Egor Kurbatov, in a penalty-filled game. Bradford is third in the Greater Metro Jr. A Hockey League North Division standings – one point ahead of the Shield.

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MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Bare-shouldered elegance from Elmwood Bridal.

Stunning Kenneth Winston gown, with a sheer back, demi-train, lace and glittering beadwork at the Bradford Bridal Trends show on Jan. 22.

Short satin bridesmaid's dress from Elmwood Bridal.

Bradford Bridal Trends

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

More bling, more metallics in floral arrangements and on wedding cakes, "anything lace" when it comes to wedding dresses – those are some of the bridal trends to watch for in 2017.

"Still very popular is the rustic, outdoor look – the baby's breath, very natural arrangements, the use of twigs, bent willow," said Linda Donaher, of Linda's Floral Designs. "On the other end of the spectrum, bling. Rose gold is really starting to take over ... and the whites and creams, pastels. There really is a big spectrum."

Donaher is one of the organizers of Bradford Bridal Trends, a wedding show at the Portuguese Cultural Centre on Jan. 22 that offered brides-to-be and their wedding planners an opportunity to explore venues, photographers, DJ services, event planning and fashion.

One idea increasingly popular with budget-minded brides is the make-your-own-wine package offered by Vin Bon – providing not only a lower-cost option, but a memorable souvenir of the big day with personalized or even customized labels. Just make sure the wedding venue allows the make-your-own wine, said Vin Bon's Becky Andrews. "I always tell people to double-check."

From pre-wedding fitness programs and wedding invitations, to honeymoons with Cruise Holidays, Bradford Bridal Trends offered options for every aspect of the wedding experience, plus a swag bag for each guest, a chance to win prizes and a fashion show featuring bridal and bridesmaids' gowns from Elmwood Bridal, tuxedos from Moore's, hair and make-up by Victoria Bourque Beauty Boutique and jewelry by Diamond Dreams.

All about wine

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute presents "Everything you wanted to know about wine, but were afraid to ask," with wine consultant David Sainsbury.

The evening will take place Feb. 7 at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson (County Road 27 and Line 10 Bradford West Gwillimbury) at 7 p.m. Sainsbury, who has spent his life in the beverage alcohol industry, and recently retired from his job as a product consultant with the LCBO, will talk about the basics of wine production, what to look for when choosing wines, how best to store your new purchases and how to tell if your old bottles are over the hill.

Free for Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute members, $10 for non-members. Pre-register by calling Sally at at 416-402-7530. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Play for Sandgate emergency shelters

Staff

On Feb. 11, there will be fundraiser for York Region's Sandgate Shelters – emergency shelters for abused women and their children that provide 24-hour safe accommodation, meals, clothing and personal necessities, emergency transportation, safety planning, advocacy and referrals and children's programming.

It's a "Play Day Fundraiser" at Kidergy Indoor Playground in Bradford on Feb. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. – inviting families with young children to drop in and help raise money for the women's shelter and learn more about the issue of domestic violence. Kidergy, a 2,200-square-foot, three-level play area, is located at 389 Dissette St. in Bradford, units 2 to 4.

Sandgate celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The shelters provide a total of 30 emergency beds in both Jackson's Point and Richmond Hill, as well as outreach services, and the beds are always full, staff say.

In addition to cash donations, the shelter is in desperate need of underwear and socks for women, boys and girls – especially bras, in intermediate sizes – diapers, large-sized winter coats, and boots. Gift cards are always welcomed.

Come out to play, bring something for Sandgate, and support women and children in crisis.

Romance is Eternal, at the Bradford Arts Centre

A multi-generational crowd turned out to enjoy the folktronic/alternative/indie sound of Kurtis + The Crosswinds at the Bradford Arts Centre (Bradford United Church) Jan. 19. Their musical fusion of songs of life and love, many of them original, and blend of guitar riffs, brilliant piano keyboards, anchored with upbeat bass and percussion work, captivated the audience.

The band, which formed last year, consists of Kurtis Kennedy-Singer, Kenny Nguyen, Nancy Savio, Darby Munro and Gavin Kasko. As at the Mayor's New Year's Levee 11 days earlier, their individual talents gelled at the Bradford Arts Centre, with its superb acoustics. Watch for Kurtis + The Crosswinds to make their mark.

Coming up at the Bradford Arts Centre, in time for Valentine's Day: Romance is Eternal.

Chocolates are fattening. Flowers fade. The Romance is Eternal concert at the Bradford Arts Centre is a richer, sweeter way to warm up for Valentine's Day. On Feb. 11, the Bradford Arts Centre at 66 Barrie St. will host an evening of music, poetry, art and wine. Doors open at 6 p.m. for an art show by Leo Mallet. At 7 p.m., performers that include Amelia De Piero, Erin Dodington, Heather Faris, Janie Houghton, Rebecca Kratky, Grace Ronan, Patty Ellis and Cyndy Wallbank will sing their favourite love songs. Combined with recitals of some of the world's greatest love poems, Mallet's brilliant art, and fine wine, it will be a truly romantic Valentine's event. Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for seniors, and are available at bradfordartscentre.org or by calling 905-751-5335.

JIM KEENAN/SUBMITTED

The Bradford Arts Centre offers an expanded stage area, outstanding acoustics and seating for up to 200. Here, Kurtis + The Crosswinds are shown in concert Jan. 20.

News Briefs

Youth Valentine's dance

The new Bradford and District Leo Club is bringing back a Bradford West Gwillimbury tradition: the youth dance. The Leos youth service club is hosting a Valentine's dance on Feb. 10 from 7 to 11 p.m. upstairs at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., for youth ages 12 to 16. Jackie Kozak of Scaraoke Entertainment will DJ, and pizza, pop and chips will be available for a minimal cost. Tickets are $8 in advance, available by calling 905-775-1578, or $10 at the door.

It's all about kids creating events for kids. A fundraiser for the community.

Valentine's cake

Learn to decorate cakes, Valentine's Day edition. Kids ages six and older will join Bonnie Aguiar of Sweet B's on Feb. 9 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library and learn how to decorate their own six-inch Valentine's cake, to take home. Pre-register for this fun workshop at the library, 425 Holland St. W. Cost is $17 per person.

A visual Valentine

Ajax Creative Arts celebrates love with A Visual Valentine – artwork by its members. Each work will be accompanied by a statement by the artist, explaining how the painting expresses the theme, "Painting What They Love." At the Kent Farndale Gallery, Scugog Memorial Library, 231 Water St. in Port Perry. Opening Reception and Awards on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. The exhibit continues until March 4. Admission is free; the library is accessible. For information, see ajaxcreativearts.ca. Supported by the Town of Ajax.

Community Listings

FRI., FEB. 3

SANDYCOVE VETERANS' CLUB DANCE: At The Hub at Sandycove, featuring the classic rock 'n roll, country music and Roy Orbison tribute by Al Jordan. Members $8, non-members $9. Call Pat Laidlaw, 705-431-7028 for tickets.

AURA RULLY AT THE LAKESHORE LIBRARY: Part of the Barrie Jazz & Blues Festival outreach, jazz legend Aura Rully will sing at the Lakeshore Library, 967 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, 6-9 p.m. accompanied by Stacie McGregor. Free!

SAT., FEB. 4

YUK YUK'S COMEDY NIGHT: The Bradford Curling Club hosts Yuk Yuk's at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Road. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts 8:30 p.m. followed by dancing to a DJ, food catered by Poleiro. Tickets $40 per person, available at Water Depot, Decorator's Edge, Bradford Skin Clinic, and the Curling Club.

BIRDLAND TRIO, LIVE: Part of the Barrie Jazz & Blues Fest, The Birdland Trio - Bob Livingstone, Will Davis, Bruce Rumball - in concert at the Cookstown Public Library, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free.

SIMCOE COUNTY BR. ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS: The Society's first Webinar, with Kathryn Lake Hogan, takes place at 2 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane, Barrie. See simcoebogs.com or call 1-855-697-6687 for info.

BARRIE WINTERFEST: Winterfest returns to Heritage Park and other venues in Barrie, Feb. 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ice sculptures, giant snow slide, horse-drawn wagon rides, dog-sledding (weather permitting), free lumberjack show, ice maze and more - including the Polar Bear Dip at Centennial Beach, noon on Sunday.

ROAST BEEF DINNER & SILENT AUCTION: Bond Head United Church hosts a Roast Beef Dinner at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 Sideroad 10 in Bradford, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Adults $16, children ages 6 to 12, $8, pre-schoolers free. For info, call 905-778-1423. Also, tickets at the door. Silent Auction.

SUN., FEB. 5

TIA BRAZDA, LIVE: Part of the Barrie Jazz & Blues Fest, Tia Brazda brings her 'vintage vibe' to the Bradford Public Library's Paul Sadlon Atrium, 2 to 5 p.m. Featuring Brazda and her trio, Chris Adriaanse, Mike Friedman and Chris Graham. 425 Holland St. W. Free.

MON., FEB.6

DIVINE LITURGY FOR REV. CANON FEATHERSTONE OSLER: St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite) celebrates a memorial Liturgy (Mass) for Rev. Canon Osler, founder of Trinity Anglican Church, on the 122nd anniversary of his death, 7 p.m. Liturgy will be followed by coffee and sweets at the church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head.

TUES., FEB. 7

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WINE: But were afraid to ask. David Sainsbury, retired LCBO product consultant, will talk about the basics of wine production, what to look for in a wine, and more, in an informal evening at the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, 7 p.m. Free for Tec-We-Gwill WI members, $10 for non-members. RSVP to Sally at 416-402-7530. Space is limited. Tea and coffee will be served.

THURS., FEB. 9

AGKNOWLEDGE FORUM: Nottawasaga Futures hosts the 2017 AgKnowledge Forum at The Club at Bond Head, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the topic, "Tools for Farmers: Soil Health." Expert speakers on Soil Health, Sustainable Farming, Keeping your Soil on your Land, and Phosphorus Reduction. Free, includes lunch. RSVP to Robin Brown, at robin@nottawasaga.com or 1-800-509-7554. Space is limited.

FRI., FEB. 10

YOUTH VALENTINE'S DANCE: The Bradford & District Leos Club hosts a Youth Dance on a Valentine's theme, upstairs at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., 7 to 11 p.m. For ages 12-16. DJ Jackie Kozak of Scaraoke Entertainment; pizza, pop and chips available for nominal amount. Tickets $8 in advance from 905-775-1578, or $10 at the door.

SAT., FEB. 11

PLAY DAY FUNDRAISER FOR SANDGATE: Play Day event at Kidergy indoor playground, 389 Dissette St. in Bradford, 6-8 p.m. Come out and raise funds for Sandgate Women's Shelters in York Region, which 30 beds for women and children in crisis. Also needed: donations of diapers, underwear for women, boys and girls, bras, gift cards, etc.

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ROMANCE IS ETERNAL VALENTINE'S CONCERT: At the Bradford Arts Centre (Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford), art display by Leo Mallet at 6 p.m. concert at 7 p.m. featuring Amelia DePiero, Erin Doddington, Heather Faris, Janie Houghton, Rebecca Kratky, Grace Ronan, Patty Ellis and Cyndy Wallbank - sing the music of sweet romance. Love poems, visual arts and fine wines for an evening of romance, $20 ($10 for Seniors), tickets available at bradfordartscentre.org or call 905-751-5335.

Blithe Spirit

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What better way to banish the grey days of winter than with a beloved comedy? Noel Coward's classic Blithe Spirit materializes onstage in Cookstown Feb. 2 to 19 at South Simcoe Theatre. The story: To gather material for his next book, novelist Charles Condomine (played by South Simcoe Theatre veteran Baron Watson) and his strait-laced second wife, Ruth (Raffaella Gardhouse), invite the eccentric clairvoyant, Mme. Arcati (Kathy Simpson), into their home for a séance. The spirited gathering goes awry when Mme. Arcati inadvertently summons the spirit of Charles's first wife, Elvira (Joan Megraw). On stage Thursday to Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown. Tickets are $18 each; call the box office at 705-458-4432. For more information, see southsimcoetheatre.com. The cast includes, from left, Christopher Perchaluk, Simpson, Jenny Senior, Gardhouse, Watson, Jo-Anne Pulfer and Megraw.

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February family fun

Winterfest in Barrie

Barrie's Winterfest takes place Feb. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Heritage Park and other locations around Barrie. Ice sculptures, giant snow slide, rides, horse-drawn wagon rides, dogsledding (weather permitting), free lumberjack show, ice maze – and on Sunday at noon, the Polar Bear Dip at Centennial Beach. For more information, see barrie.ca/culture/festivals/pages/winterfest.aspx.

Newmarket Winterfest

On Feb. 18, Winterfest comes to the Ray Twinney Complex, 100 Eagle St. in Newmarket, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ride the Tim Hortons Express, enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides and outdoor games from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. outdoors. Indoors, enjoy face painting, balloon art, magic shows, the Newmarket Lions pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., and Rotary barbecue lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be free swimming and free skating from 2 to 4 p.m.

Family Day at Tiffin

This year, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is "scaling back" its Family Day events. Instead, admission and parking will be free at conservation areas, including the Tiffin Centre for Conservation in Essa Township, on Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your cross-country skis, snowshoes, skates and helmets; there may be skating on Papa Bear Pond, weather permitting.

Family Day at the museum

The Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26, north of Barrie, hosts its annual Family Day Extravaganza on Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with snowshoeing, outdoor games that include snow snakes, and a toboggan contest. Bring your oldest, strangest, fastest toboggans to compete. Regular admission rates apply. See museum.simcoe.ca.

Kidergy Family Day

Kidergy Indoor Playground, 389 Dissette St. in Bradford, hosts a special Cinderella and superhero event Feb. 20 at 11 a.m., followed by a lunch of pizza, juice and fruit for the kids. RSVP by calling 905-775-5437. Cost is $16 per child, for indoor fun.

Games Day at Knock Schoolhouse

The Innisfil Historical Society hosts its annual Family Day Games Day at the Knock Schoolhouse Heritage Site, Sideroad 10 and Line 9 in Innisfil, Feb. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Crokinole, ring toss, shuffleboard, jigsaw puzzles, board games – come out and enjoy some old-fashioned fun, home-made cookies, hot chocolate and more. Free.

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Learning to be prepared for emergencies

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Last fall, Rob Heffernan, training and promotions co-ordinator with County of Simcoe Emergency Management, and Astrid Vig-Bergsma, with Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Emergency Management, brought the Student Emergency Preparedness (STEP) program to teacher Katie Kemp's Grade 5 class at Sir William Osler Public School in Bond Head.

The program, which is delivered to elementary school classes across the county, provides kids with information about the types of emergencies that can occur, how to create an emergency plan and what goes into a 72-hour emergency kit that can help families survive until help arrives.

"These guys were great," Heffernan said. "I was really impressed with the knowledge and the great questions."

On Jan. 26, he and Vig-Bergsma were back at Sir William Osler – this time to present a prize to one of the Grade 5 students.

Every participant in the STEP program fills out a ballot for a chance to win a Red Cross emergency kit. Sir William Osler Grade 5 student Mihail Mavrakakis was the winner, receiving his prize from Heffernan and Vig-Bergsma at a school assembly.

What's in an emergency kit? A flashlight with extra battery, multi-use tool, hand-crank emergency radio, first-aid kit, hygiene kit, whistle, emergency blanket, emergency food and water. Families are also encouraged to add candles and waterproof matches, cash (small bills and coins) in case ATMs are not working, extra car and house keys, copies of important documents, a one-week supply of any medications required, a change of clothing and footwear for each person, blankets or sleeping bags, toilet paper, two litres of bottled water per person per day, manual can opener, garbage bags, gloves and alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

To learn more about putting together a 72-hour emergency kit – 72 hours is the length of time it may take for emergency responders to arrive in a major emergency like a flood, ice storm or power outage – see simcoe.ca/dpt/em/preparing.

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From right, Rob Heffernan, training and promotions co-ordinator with County of Simcoe Emergency Managgement, and Astrid Vig-Bergsma, with Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Emergency Management, present an emergency kit to winner Mikhail Mavrakakis in Bond Head on Jan. 26.

Police offer peer support for mental health

IAN MCINROY
Postmedia Network

INNISFIL – Police and first responders deal with traumatic events in a way no other profession does.

"Often, we are first on scene and witness to the most horrible aspects of humanity, from collisions to violence to tragedy," said South Simcoe Police Const. Rich Williamson.

But peer counselling is making a difference.

With assistance from the York Regional Police peer support team, South Simcoe police created their own team in 2016 to help officers deal with traumatic events and everyday mental health.

The timing of the counselling announcement coincided with last week's Bell Let's Talk campaign, Williamson said.

"It's our contribution to let people know we're serious about mental health. We're taking care of our own. We realize we're under a lot of stress, and early intervention is the key to success when dealing with it."

The five members of the South Simcoe peer support team, which includes police officers and civilians, are ready to assist any member of the service, confidentially and judgment-free, according to team leader Sgt. Sheryl Sutton.

The team has been together for just over a year, and represents a wide cross-section of the service, she said.

"Using peers is important. Many of us have been there and seen that, and we can understand the challenges that come from our policing environment. Many of the members have experienced traumatic events and are uniquely placed to relate to the stress they face in this field of work," Sutton said, adding mental bealth is just as important as physical health.

"In the past, officers and civilians alike were expected to toughen up and deal with the things we witness and experience," she said. "Thankfully that's changed, and we recognize that dealing with traumatic events requires assistance and intervention.

"Sometimes we're so busy helping others, we forget to help each other and ourselves."

Later this year, each member of the service will undergo Road to Mental Readiness training, a program emphasizing that early recognition and treatment of mental health concerns is important, Sutton said. "The program builds resiliency, giving members the ability to recover from stress, adverse situations and traumatic events."

"Each employee is exposed to these events in some form," said South Simcoe Police peer support team member and communications supervisor Jenn Columbus. "The 911 operator who takes the call from the hysterical parent, the police officer arriving to a scene with multiple casualties, the records clerk entering victim statements and reading reports, right up to the chief with all his responsibilities: all members receive the same training so that everyone, regardless of position, is speaking the same language."

South Simcoe Police plan to extend the program to family members as well.

"Stress can expand across all aspects of an officer's life, right back to their immediate family," noted Sutton.

A Warmer Winter

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When volunteers at the ReSource Thrift Store in Bradford heard about A Warmer Winter, the South Simcoe Police coat drive for Coats for Kids, they decided to make a donation to the grassroots campaign, which provides gently used winter coats, boots, hats, mitts and scarves for families in need, at no charge. ReSource volunteers filled bags with winterwear and, on Feb. 1, gave the clothing to Coats For Kids co-ordinator Catherine Snow. "This is one of the best years for donations," Snow said s she picked up the bags – benefiting not only from donations from individuals, but also school coat drives and the South Simcoe Police initiative. Coats for Kids is located downstairs in the St. Mary's "A" Hall on Frederick Street in Bradford. This winter, the depot is open every other Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. Coats for Kids will open Feb. 9. Pictured, from right, are Snow and ReSource Thrift Shop volunteers Joanne Hoving and Louis and Effie Bierling.

Police Briefs

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Impaired driving

Innisfil – Just after 10 p.m. on Jan. 28, a concerned citizen called police after observing a car driving on the wrong side of Mapleview Drive, then veering off the road, into a snowbank. Officers arrived and spoke with the driver, who showed obvious signs of impairment. A 53-year-old Innisfil woman was arrested, taken to the station for testing and subsequently charged with impaired driving. Her licence was suspended for 90 days and her vehicle was impounded.

30-day suspension

Innisfil – A South Simcoe Police sergeant observed a speeding ATV in Gilford on Jan. 29, just after 3 p.m., with an adult driver and two children on board. The officer stopped the ATV and detected an odour of alcohol on the driver's breath. The man claimed he had not been drinking, but a roadside screening device registered a "warn" – the man's third warn-range suspension. He received a 30-day licence suspension.

Child exploitation

Innisfil – On Jan. 26, South Simcoe Police Tech Crimes Unit, assisted by the OPP Child Exploitation Unit, executed a search warrant at an Innisfil home and seized several electronic devices. A 21-year-old Innisfil man was arrested and charged with breach of recognizance relating to illicit online communication. Further charges may be laid. The man was held in custody for a bail hearing.

Under suspension

Innisfil – During the lunch hour on Jan. 26, a traffic officer on Sideroad 20 near Innisfil Beach Road stopped a vehicle for speeding and discovered the driver's licence was suspended. A 46-year-old Bradford woman was charged with speeding and driving while under suspension, and has a court date in February.

Break and enter

Innisfil – Police were called to a residence on Line 2 in Innisfil Jan. 26 after the homeowner arrived home and discovered his house had been entered during the day. Suspect(s) broke in through a garage door and stole a quantity of jewelry. Anyone with information is asked call South Simcoe Police at 705-436-2141 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

Theft from auto

Bradford – On Jan. 26, a woman, after purchasing several Coach brand purses, stopped to visit at a Corwin Drive address in Bradford, locking her vehicle. When she returned to the car at 6:15 p.m., she discovered the rear window of the car broken and the purses missing. Police urge citizens to remove valuables from unattended vehicles, and they are asking anyone with information or video surveillance from the area to contact them at at 905-775-3311.

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